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Vincent Schoemehl, President and CEO
Grand Center, Inc.
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RE: Fiscal Monitoring Review of Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) of Grand Center, Inc., CFDA #14.218, Contract #UDAGRP30 (Project #2008-CDA9)

Dear Mr. Schoemehl:

Enclosed is a report of our fiscal monitoring review of Urban Development Action Grant of the Grand Center, Inc. (Document #54240) for the period August 1, 2006 through July 31, 2007. The scope of a fiscal monitoring review is substantially less than an audit, and as such, we do not express an opinion on the financial operations of Grand Center, Inc. Our fieldwork was completed on September 14, 2007.

This review was made under authorization contained in Article XV, Section 2 of the Charter, City of St. Louis, as revised, and has been conducted in accordance with the *International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing* and through an agreement with the Community Development Administration (CDA) to provide fiscal monitoring to all grant subrecipients.

If you have any questions, please contact Ishmael Ikpeama at (314) 589-6113.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mohammad H. Adil".

Mohammad H. Adil, CPA
Internal Audit Manager

cc: Lorna Alexander, Special Assistant for Development, CDA



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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (CDA)
URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACTION GRANT (UDAG)**

**GRAND CENTER, INC.
CFDA #14.218
CONTRACT #UDAGRP-30
DOCUMENT #52240**

FISCAL MONITORING REVIEW

AUGUST 1, 2006 THROUGH JULY 31, 2007

PROJECT #2008-CDA9

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INTRODUCTION

Background

Contract Name: Grand Center, Inc.
Contract Program: Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG)
CFDA Number: 14.218
Contract Number: UDAGRP-30
Contract Period: August 1, 2006 through July 31, 2007
Contract Amount: \$75,000

The Grand Center, Inc. purpose is to renovate Strauss Park, which is located in a highly visible area of the Grand Center District, right across from the Fox Theatre. Currently, Strauss Park is obsolete and underutilized and requires improvements to make it a more desirable location for residents and patrons to the District. It has old and diseased trees that are in need of replacement, lighting is needed for safety and aesthetic value, the fountain area is in need of improvements and an outdoor dining area is needed to attract patrons and residents to the District.

Purpose

The purpose of this fiscal monitoring review was to determine Grand Center, Inc.'s (Document #54240) compliance with local Community Development Administration requirements for its UADG program for the period August 1, 2006 through July 31, 2007. We will make recommendations for improvements if necessary.

Scope and Methodology

We made inquiries regarding Grand Center, Inc.'s internal controls relating to the grant administered by the Community Development Administration (CDA), tested evidence supporting the reports the Agency submitted to CDA and performed other procedures considered necessary. Our fieldwork was completed on September 14, 2007.

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CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS

Conclusion

We found no evidence to suggest that Grand Center, Inc. did not fully comply with federal, state, and local CDBG requirements.

Status of Prior Observations

Internal Audit has not reviewed this program previously.

A-133 Status

According to a letter received from the Agency, it is not required to have an A-133 audit because it did not expend \$500,000 or more in federal funds in its fiscal year ended December 31, 2006.

Summary of Current Observations

We did not have any observations.